

Identity Theft Victim Complaint Data

Figures and Trends
In North Dakota

January 1- December 31, 2004



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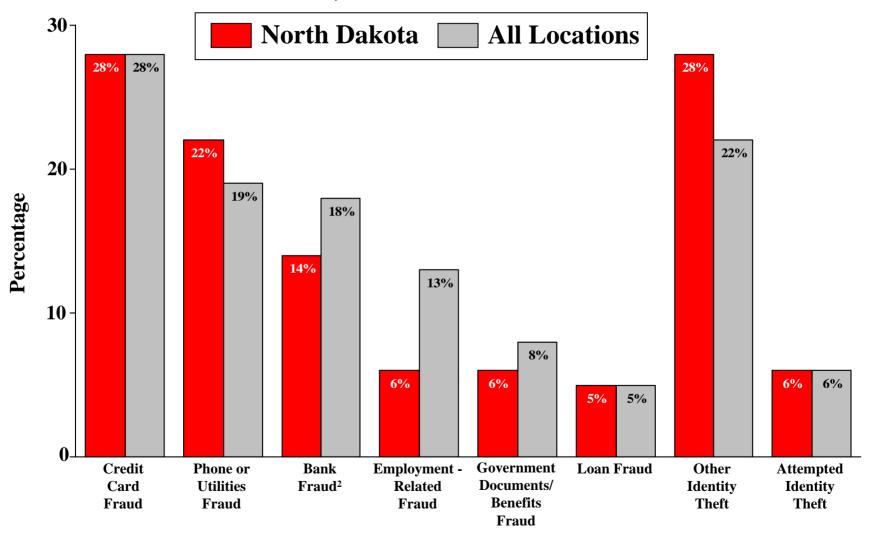
Figure 1





How Victims' Information Is Misused¹

January 1 – December 31, 2004



Percentages are based on the total number of victims reporting: 188 from North Dakota and 246,570 from all locations. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 15% of victims from North Dakota and 19% of victims from all locations reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft. All victims reported experiencing at least one type of identity theft.

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Figure 2





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January 1 – December 31, 2004

Total Number of Identity Theft Victims:

North Dakota = 188

All Locations = 246,570

Credit Card Fraud

Theft Subtypes	North Dakota	All Locations
New Accounts	15.4%	16.5%
Existing Accounts	13.3	11.9
Unspecified	0.0	0.1
Total	28%	28%

Phone or Utilities Fraud

Theft Subtypes	North Dakota	All Locations
Wireless - New	11.2%	10.0%
Telephone - New	6.9	5.9
Utilities - New	3.2	4.2
Unauthorized Charges		
to Existing Accounts	1.1	0.7
Unspecified	1.6	0.3
Total	22%	19%

Bank Fraud²

Theft Subtypes	North Dakota	All Locations
Existing Accounts	4.8%	8.5%
Electronic Fund Transfe	r 7.4	6.6
New Accounts	3.2	3.6
Unspecified	0.0	0.1
Total	14%	18%

Employment-Related Fraud

Theft Subtype	North Dakota	All Locations
Employment-Related F	rand 6.4%	12.7%

Government Documents or Benefits Fraud

Theft Subtypes	North Dakota	All Locations
Fraudulent Tax Return	2.7%	3.8%
Driver's License Issued / Forged	1.6	2.2
Gov't Benefits Applied For / Recei	ved 1.6	1.4
Other Gov't Documents Issued / Fo	orged 1.1	0.7
Social Security Card Issued / Forge	d 0.0	0.5
Unspecified	0.0	< 0.1
Total	6%	8%

Loan Fraud

Theft Subtypes	North Dakota	All Locations
Business / Personal / Student Loan	2.7%	2.6%
Auto Loan / Lease	0.5	1.9
Real Estate Loan	1.6	1.2
Unspecified	0.5	0.2
Total	5%	5%

Other Identity Theft

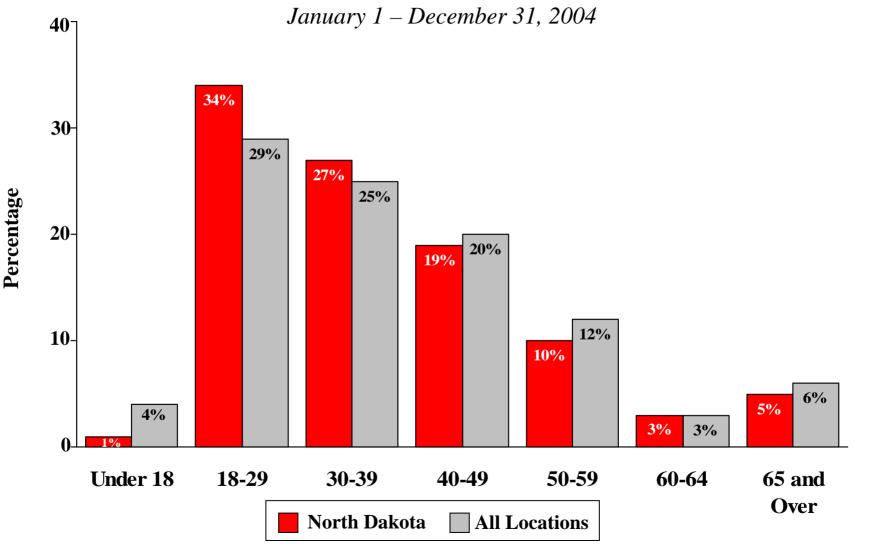
Theft Subtypes	North Dakota	All Locations
Other	19.1%	14.3%
Illegal / Criminal	1.1	2.4
Internet / E-Mail	3.7	1.8
Medical	2.7	1.8
Apartment / House Rented	0.0	0.9
Insurance	0.5	0.4
Property Rental Fraud	0.5	0.3
Bankruptcy	1.1	0.3
Child Support	0.0	0.3
Magazines	0.5	0.2
Securities / Other Investments	0.5	0.1
Total	28%	22%

Attempted Identity Theft

Theft Subtype	North Dakota	All Locations
Attempted Identity Theft	5.9%	6.4%



Figure 3 Complaints by Victim Age¹



¹Percentages are based on the number of victims who provided their age: 184 from North Dakota and 234,263 from all locations. This chart represents 98% of victims reporting from North Dakota and 95% of victims from all locations who contacted the Federal Trade Commission directly.

Figure 4a





Identity Theft Victims by State (Per 100,000 Population)¹

January 1 – December 31, 2004

		Victims				Victims	
		Per 100,000	Number of			Per 100,000	Number of
Rank	Victim State	Population	Victims	Rank	Victim State	Population	Victims
1	Arizona	142.5	8,186	26	Ohio	60.7	6,956
2	Nevada	125.7	2,935	27	Connecticut	57.1	2,000
3	California	122.1	43,839	28	Minnesota	57.0	2,905
4	Texas	117.6	26,454	29	Oklahoma	56.0	1,973
5	Colorado	95.8	4,409	30	Tennessee	55.0	3,246
6	Florida	92.3	16,062	31	South Carolina	51.2	2,148
7	New York	92.0	17,680	32	Arkansas	50.8	1,397
8	Washington	91.1	5,654	33	Hawaii	50.7	640
9	Oregon	87.8	3,156	34	Rhode Island	50.6	547
10	Illinois	87.6	11,138	35	Louisiana	49.9	2,254
11	Georgia	84.3	7,440	36	Alabama	48.9	2,216
12	New Mexico	83.4	1,588	37	Wisconsin	48.0	2,646
13	Maryland	83.0	4,612	38	Mississippi	46.5	1,350
14	Utah	76.6	1,831	39	Nebraska	45.1	788
15	New Jersey	75.1	6,530	40	Idaho	43.1	600
16	Michigan	72.3	7,307	41	Wyoming	42.2	214
17	Indiana	68.5	4,274	42	New Hampshire	41.8	543
18	Missouri	67.9	3,905	43	Kentucky	40.1	1,662
19	Delaware	66.6	553	44	Montana	39.3	364
20	Alaska	66.1	433	45	Iowa	34.8	1,028
21	North Carolina	65.8	5,623	46	West Virginia	34.2	621
22	Virginia	63.6	4,742	47	Vermont	33.5	208
23	Kansas	61.3	1,677	48	Maine	32.2	424
24	Massachusetts	61.1	3,921	49		29.6	188
25	Pennsylvania	61.0	7,563	50	South Dakota	23.2	179



Figure 4b Identity Theft Victims by State (Per 100,000 Population)¹

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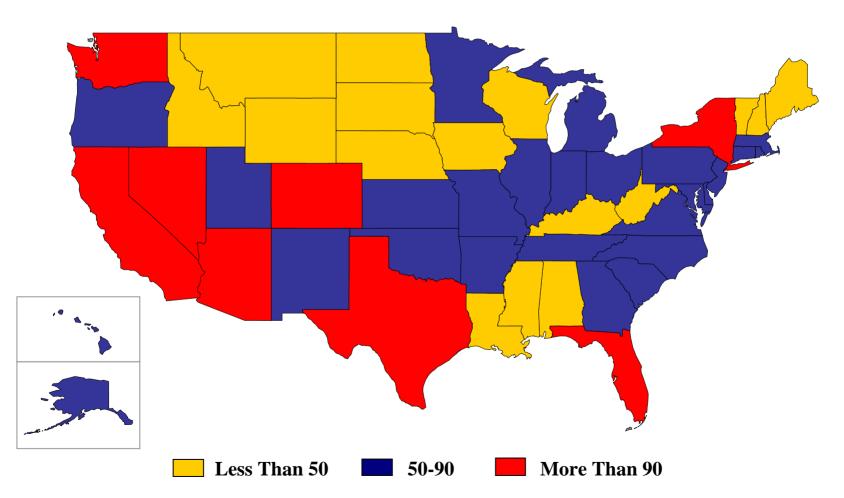




Figure 5 Top Cities in North Dakota¹

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	Top Cities In North Dakota (number of victims)	
City	No.	
Fargo	42	
Grand Forks	22	
Bismarck	17	
Minot	17	
Cavalier	6	
Dickinson	6	
Mandan	6	
Minot AFB	6	